

## **Combined Joint Task Force**

Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On March 21, U.S. military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using bomber and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct four airstrikes. Separately in Iraq, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted five airstrikes approved by the Iraq Ministry of Defense, using attack and fighter aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., March 21, and 8 a.m., March 22, local time.

The following is a summary of the strikes conducted since the last press release: Syria

- Near Ar Raqqah, an airstrike destroyed an armored personnel carrier.
- Near Kobani, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, three ISIL vehicles and destroyed three ISIL fighting positions.

Iraq

- Near Mosul, three airstrikes destroyed two ISIL excavators and an ISIL shipping container.
- Near Ramadi, two airstrike destroyed an ISIL homemade explosive cache, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL building.

Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

The strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to eliminate the ISIL terrorist group and the threat they pose to Iraq, Syria, the region, and the wider international community. The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the terrorist group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Iraq include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, Netherlands, United Kingdom and U.S. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and U.S.